WORLDS APART: BOSNIAN LESSONS FOR GLOBAL SECURITY

Book Presentation & Discussion

Ambassador Swanee Hunt

John F. Kennedy School of Government, Harvard University





Swanee Hunt

Worlds Apart focuses on the Bosnian War but its implications extend to any situation that prompts the consideration of military intervention on humanitarian grounds. Ambassador Swanee Hunt served in Vienna during the Bosnian War and was intimately involved in American policy toward the Balkans. During her tenure as U.S. Ambassador to Austria (1993-1997) and after, she made scores of trips throughout Bosnia and the rest of the former Yugoslavia, attempting to understand the costly delays in foreign military intervention. To that end, she had hundreds of conversations with a wide range of politicians, refugees, journalists, farmers, clergy, aid workers, diplomats, soldiers, and others. In Worlds Apart, Ambassador Hunt's eighty vignettes alternate between the people living out the war and "the internationals" deciding whether or how to intervene. From these stories, she draws six lessons applicable to current conflicts throughout the world.

Ambassador Swanee Hunt chairs the Washington-based Institute for Inclusive Security. She is the Eleanor Roosevelt Lecturer in Public Policy at Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government, a member of the U.S. Council on Foreign Relations, and the president of Hunt Alternatives Fund. She is also the author of *Half Life of a Zealot* and *This Was Not Our War: Bosnian Women Reclaiming the Peace*, both of which detail her time in Austria and Bosnia.

Wednesday, March 28, 2012, 6 p.m. Senatssaal, University of Vienna Doktor-Karl-Lueger-Ring 1, 1010 Vienna

Please register by e-mail: programs@usembassy.at or by fax: 313-39-2057